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Regional Freedom of Information Officer U.S. EPA, Region 5

77 West Jackson Boulevard (MI-9J) Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

U.S. EPA Files

U.S.S. Lead (a/k/a U.S. Smelter and Lead)

EPA ID No. IND 047 030 226

5300 Kennedy Avenue, East Chicago, Lake County, Indiana

Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA) requests available information regarding the abovereferenced property pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. This request for information in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) files associated with the above-referenced property includes hardcopy documents and e-mail and electronic files associated with, but not limited to, U.S. EPA's CERCLA, RCRA, CWA and CAA.

If any of the documentation requested herein are available but are withheld for any reason, please note the title and date of the pertinent document(s) and the reason for your determination that non-disclosure is appropriate. In addition, if documentation is not available for any of the specific issues identified above, please affirmatively acknowledge this finding.

Please advise when the requested information has been compiled and the cost involved for duplication. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact the undersigned at (773) 380-9933.

Yours truly,

CONESTOGA-ROVERS & ASSOCIATES

Douglas G. Soutter

Per telephone convenantion w/M. Louten Inflower OCT 14 2005